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CASE FILE NO.
REPORT MADEAT: Bangkok, T
DATE: July 20, 1BY: Albert Habib
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SUBJECT OF THIS MEMORANDUM

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Opium traffic bet

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ACTION: XXX

DETAILS (if report is over two pages in length summarize in first paragraph)

1. On July 13, 1966 I received a telephone call from O.S.I. Agent Robert Fritz requesting me to report to his office to discuss an important matter. I reported as requested and was introduced to Major Lee Waring of the U.S. Army Intelligence stationed in Bangkok, Thailand. Major Waring told me that he was acquainted with a person in Bangkok, that requested him to obtain American cooperation to transport 500 pounds of opium to Saigon, Vietnam. According to Major Waring this unidentified person who allegedly is a member of the Vietnamese Government, and also a good source of information to the U.S. Army intelligence in South East Asia approached Major Waring and stated, that he had an agent in Bangkok, Thailand, that have penetrated a Viet Cong operation in Bangkok. Further that this Viet Cong operation was purchasing large quantities of opium in Thailand and shipping it to Saigon for monetary gains, also that American personnel was involved in Saigon, and part of the opium was destined for the United States. Further that the Viet Cong operation in Bangkok have given the unidentified Agent 500 pounds of opium and asked him to transport it to Saigon.

2. Major Waring continued that the The Vietnamese official have approached him to assist him and provide U.S. military transportation for the opium to be flown to Saigon keeping in mind that nothing will happen to it in Thailand as the Vietnamese official did not trust the Thai police, and did not want to jeopardize his agent that have infiltrated the Viet Cong operation in Thailand. Further that with the assistance of the Americans he wanted to follow the opium into Saigon, and preferred to see it moved at least twice before any action should be taken, (seizure) in order to round up more people that are involved. At this point I called D.S. Taylor to report to O.S.I. to assist and direct this investigation.

3. Upon his arrival D.S. Taylor and myself attempted to obtain the identity of the Vietnamese official and his agent but Major Waring declined to identify them. We also attempted to obtain information on the location of the opium and that met with negative results. We then instructed Major Waring to return to the Vietnamese official and obtain

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the names and addresses of the suspects involved in Thailand and Vietnam, obtain a sample of the narcotics, and ask the Vietnamese official if he would allow one of us to accompany the opium to Saigon. Further to tell the Vietnamese official that we had to view the narcotics before we could commit our selfs into any cooperation as the contents of the boxes could be any other thing.(gold, arms, etc...). The Major told us that he would contact him and let us know.

4. That afternoon we again met, and Major Waring reported that the Vietnamese refused to let us view the opium, and also refused to say where he had obtained it. But was willing to tell us the destination in Saigon. I asked Major Waring if it was possible for me to meet the Vietnamese as I could maybe convince him to give us more information, and the Major refused to reveal the identity of his informant. We again instructed the Major to return to his informant and tell him that we would go along with the deal on one condition, and that is to view and make sure that it is opium. In these meetings Lt. Colonel Norman T David O.S.I. was present and willing to provide us with transportation, equipment, and personel in Saigon for surveillance purposes.(One of the requests made by the Vietnamese official was also not to alert the Vietnamese police) The Major left the meeting to see his informant and report to us the next morning. The next day I met with Major Waring and was told that "we are out of business", the informant was to get his own transportation, and if could not, he was to return the narcotics to the Viet-Cong operation in Thailand in order to keep his agent undetected.

5. I told Major Waring that it was his duties to tell us where the opium was located (if he knew), and that if we seized it we will do our best to keep the informant out of it. We also instructed Major Waring to return and meet the informant and tell him that if he could get his own transportation that we would cooperate with him on the Saigon phase of the investigation. Major Waring agreed to do this.

6. In the interim D.S. Taylor and myself were attempting to check on information regarding employees of the Vietnamese Embassy alleged to be involved in the narcotic traffic, and attempting to locate the 500 pounds of opium. Checks with airlines and surveillances of the airport were made and met with negative results. On July 15, 1966 I again met with Major Waring and was told that we were back in business. He reported that the Vietnamese official has cabled his organization in Saigon and asked them authority to bring an American to Saigon to discuss the arrangements for the transport of these mentioned 500 pounds of opium. On July 19, 1966 I met with Major Waring and was told that he had attempted to communicate with his informant, but the informant was out of town.